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[For the Department of Transportation statement of organization, see the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 49, Part 1, Subpart A]

The U.S. Department of Transportation establishes the Nation's overall transportation policy. Under its umbrella there are 10 administrations whose jurisdictions include highway planning, development, and construction; urban mass transit; railroads; aviation; and the safety of waterways, ports, highways, and oil and gas pipelines. Decisions made by the Department in conjunction with the appropriate State and local officials strongly affect other programs such as land planning, energy conservation, scarce resource utilization, and technological change.

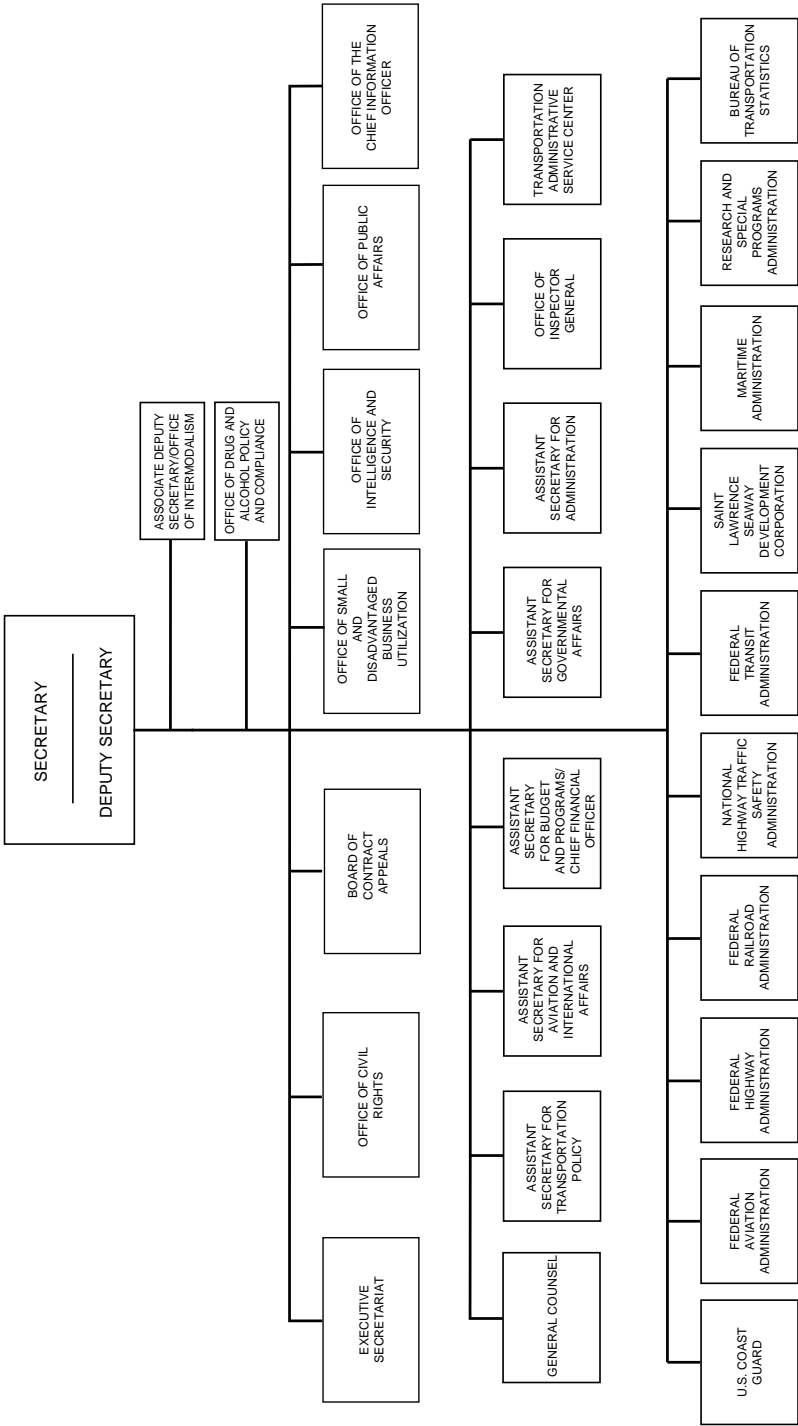
The Department of Transportation (DOT) was established by act of October 15, 1966, as amended (49 U.S.C. 102 and 102 note), "to assure the coordinated, effective administration of the transportation programs of the Federal Government" and to develop "national transportation policies and programs conducive to the provision of fast, safe, efficient, and convenient transportation at the lowest cost consistent therewith." It became operational in April 1967 and was comprised of elements transferred from eight other major departments and agencies. It presently consists of the Office of the Secretary and 10 operating administrations whose heads report directly to the Secretary and who have highly decentralized authority.

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

[For the Office of the Secretary of Transportation statement of organization, see the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 49, Part 1, Subpart B]

The Department of Transportation is administered by the Secretary of Transportation, who is the principal adviser to the President in all matters relating to Federal transportation programs. The Secretary is assisted in the administration of the Department by a Deputy Secretary of Transportation, a Associate Deputy Secretary, the Assistant Secretaries, a General Counsel, the Inspector General, and several Directors and Chairmen. Areas where public purposes are widely served are detailed on the following pages.

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Aviation and International Affairs The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs has principal responsibility for the development, review, and coordination of policy for international transportation, and for development, coordination, and implementation of policy relating to economic regulation of the airline industry. The Office:

- licenses U.S. and foreign carriers to serve in international air transportation and conducts carrier fitness determinations;

- develops policies to support the Department in aviation and maritime multilateral and bilateral negotiations with foreign governments and participates on the U.S. negotiating delegations;

- develops policies on a wide range of international transportation and trade matters;

- furnishes guidance to the United States Trade Representative's Trade Policy Committee in efforts to improve the U.S. balance of payments;

- arranges and coordinates cooperative agreements with foreign governments for the exchange of state-of-the-art scientific and technical information;

- provides assistance to the Agency for International Development's transportation programs in developing countries;

- participates on the U.S.-Saudi Arabian Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation;

- processes and resolves complaints concerning unfair competitive practices in international fares and rates;

- establishes international and intra-Alaska mail rates; and

- determines the disposition of requests for approval and immunization from the antitrust laws of international aviation agreements.

The Office also administers the essential air service program, which involves:

- establishing appropriate subsidy levels for subsidized carriers;

- processing applications to terminate, suspend, or reduce air service below the defined essential level;

- determining which carrier among various applicants should be selected to provide subsidized service; and

- continuously reviewing essential air service definitions for each community.

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Civil Rights The Office of Civil Rights advises the Secretary on civil rights and equal opportunity matters. It assures full and affirmative implementation of civil rights and equal opportunity precepts within the Department in all official actions, including departmental employment practices, services rendered to the public, operation of federally assisted activities, and other programs and efforts involving departmental assistance, participation, or endorsement. It is also responsible for adjudicating appeals and other dispositions relating to denials of disadvantaged business enterprise certification by a transportation financial assistance recipient, including investigating third-party challenges and issuing final administrative decisions.

For further information, call 202-366-4648.

Contract Appeals The Board conducts hearings and issues final decisions in appeals from contracting officer decisions under contracts awarded by the Department and its constituent administrations in accordance with the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 601); sits as the Contract Adjustment Board with plenary authority to grant extraordinary contractual relief under Public Law 85-804 (50 U.S.C. 1431); and hears and decides all contractor debarment cases pursuant to 41 CFR 12-1.604-1 (1984). Judges are designated as hearing officers to hear cases arising as a result of suspensions and debarments of participants in DOT financial assistance programs and perform such other adjudicatory functions assigned by the Secretary not inconsistent with the duties and

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For further information, contact the Board of Contract Appeals, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-4305.

Drug and Alcohol Policy and

Compliance The Office ensures that the national and international drug and alcohol policies and goals of the Secretary are developed and carried out in a consistent, efficient, and effective manner within the transportation industries. The Office provides expert advice, counsel, and recommendations to the Secretary regarding drugs and alcohol as it pertains to the Department of Transportation and testing within the transportation industry. The Director of the Office serves as the principal Department liaison with the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Department of Health and Human Services, and other executive branch agencies concerning demand reduction activities and workplace substance abuse programs.

For further information, contact the Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance. Phone, 202-366-3784.

Intelligence and Security The Office advises the Secretary on domestic and international intelligence and security matters; coordinates the development and implementation of long-term strategic plans, information management systems, and integrated research and development programs affecting the security of traveling public and of cargo; serves as the focal point in the Department for intelligence and security policy; and provides oversight of transportation security and intelligence programs.

For further information, contact the Office of Intelligence and Security. Phone, 202-366-6525.

Intermodalism The mission of the Office is to help the transportation community achieve the connections and choices they would like to see in their transportation systems by providing departmental leadership and coordination in developing intermodal

transportation solutions that move people and goods in an energy-efficient manner, provide the foundation for improved productivity growth, strengthen the Nation's ability to compete in the global economy, and obtain the optimum yield from the Nation's transportation resources. The Office:

- serves as the Department's principal adviser and advocate for intermodal transportation;

- coordinates Federal intermodal transportation policy and initiates policies to promote efficient intermodal transportation;

- provides technical assistance to States and metropolitan planning organizations in large metropolitan areas that facilitates their collection of intermodal data and assists in intermodal planning;

- coordinates Federal research on intermodal transportation in accordance with section 6009(b) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), including additional research needs identified by the Director;

- reviews State-generated intermodal management systems to ensure continued progress towards improving and integrating modal transportation systems, where appropriate; and

- coordinates miscellaneous DOT intermodal issues as required by ISTEA and/or as raised by the Secretary and the modal agencies.

Small and Disadvantaged Business

Utilization The Office provides policy direction and Department goals for small, minority, women-owned, and small disadvantaged business participation in the Department's procurement and Federal financial assistance activities. It also monitors and evaluates accomplishment of these goals.

The Minority Business Resource Center offers a Short Term Lending Program, under which lines of credit up to \$500,000 are available at prime interest rates to finance accounts receivable, and a Bonding Assistance Program which enables firms to obtain bid, performance, and payment bonds of up to \$1,000,000 per contract in support of transportation-related contracts. Other

program initiatives provide technical and educational assistance, outreach, and information dissemination involving partnerships with chambers of commerce and trade associations, historically black colleges and universities, and Hispanic-serving institutions. The Center also operates a National Information Clearinghouse.

For further information, call 202-366-1930 or 800-532-1169 (toll-free). Internet, <http://www.dot.gov/dotinfo/ost/osdbu/>.

Transportation Policy The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy has principal responsibility for analysis, development, articulation, and review of policies and plans for all modes of transportation. The Office:

- develops, coordinates, and evaluates public policy related to the transportation industries, and maintains policy and economic oversight of regulatory programs and legislative initiatives of the Department;

- reviews transportation matters involving the public and private sectors, analyzes current and emerging

transportation policy issues, and assesses their economic and institutional implications;

- leads the Department in the development of transportation policies and ensures that departmental actions and programs comprise a coherent and coordinated strategy leading to an effectively functioning integrated national transportation system;

- provides departmental policy leadership and coordination on safety, energy, and environmental initiatives which affect air, surface, marine, and pipeline transportation; and

- provides leadership on questions involving the financing of transportation infrastructure projects, and provides economic analyses of new transportation technologies.

The Assistant Secretary chairs the DOT Position/Navigation Executive Committee and serves on the Global Positioning System Executive Board with DOD. In addition, he represents the Department on the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

United States Coast Guard

The Coast Guard, established by act of January 28, 1915 (14 U.S.C. 1), became a component of the Department of Transportation on April 1, 1967, pursuant to the Department of Transportation Act of October 15, 1966 (49 U.S.C. app. 1651 note). The Coast Guard is a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States at all times and is a service within the Department of Transportation except when operating as part of the Navy in time of war or when the President directs.

The predecessor of the Coast Guard, the Revenue Marine, was established in 1790 as a Federal maritime law enforcement agency. Many other major responsibilities have since been added.

Activities

Aids to Navigation The Coast Guard establishes and maintains the U.S. aids

to navigation system that includes lights, buoys, daybeacons, fog signals, marine radiobeacons, racons, and long-range radionavigation aids. Long-range radionavigation aids include loran-C and the Global Positioning System (GPS) and its augmentations such as Differential GPS. Aids are established in or adjacent to waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. These aids are intended to assist a navigator to determine a position or plot a safe course or to warn the navigator of dangers or obstructions to navigation. Other functions related to navigation aids include broadcasting marine information and publishing Local Notice to Mariners and Light Lists.

Information regarding navigational aids is available electronically. Phone (modem), 703-313-5900. Internet, <http://www.navcen.uscg.mil/>.

For further information, call 202-267-0980.

Boating Safety The Coast Guard develops and directs a national boating safety program aimed at making the operation of small craft in U.S. waters both pleasurable and safe. This is accomplished by establishing uniform safety standards for recreational boats and associated equipment; encouraging State efforts through a grant-in-aid and liaison program; coordinating public education and information programs; administering the Coast Guard Auxiliary; and enforcing compliance with Federal laws and regulations relative to safe use and safety equipment requirements for small boats.

For further information, call 202-267-1077.

Bridge Administration The Coast Guard administers the statutes regulating the construction, maintenance, and operation of bridges and causeways across the navigable waters of the United States to provide for safe navigation through and under bridges.

For further information, call 202-267-0368.

Coast Guard Auxiliary The Auxiliary is a nonmilitary volunteer organization of private citizens who own small boats, aircraft, or radio stations. Auxiliary members assist the Coast Guard by conducting boating education programs, patrolling marine regattas, participating in search and rescue operations, and conducting courtesy marine examinations.

For further information, call 202-267-0982.

Deepwater Ports Under the provisions of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1501), the Coast Guard administers a licensing and regulatory program governing the construction, ownership (international aspects), and operation of deepwater ports on the high seas to transfer oil from tankers to shore.

For further information, call 202-267-0495.

Ice Operations The Coast Guard operates the Nation's icebreaking vessels (icebreakers and ice-capable cutters), supported by aircraft, for ice reconnaissance, to facilitate maritime transportation and aid in prevention of flooding in domestic waters. Additionally, icebreakers support logistics to U.S. polar installations and also support scientific research in Arctic and Antarctic waters.

For further information, call 202-267-1456.

Marine Environmental Response The Coast Guard is responsible for enforcing the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251) and various other laws relating to the protection of the marine environment. Program objectives are to ensure that public health and welfare and the environment are protected when spills occur. Under these laws, U.S. and foreign vessels are prohibited from using U.S. waters unless they have insurance or other guarantees that potential pollution liability for cleanup and damages will be met.

Other functions include providing a National Response Center to receive reports of oil and hazardous substance spills, investigating spills, initiating subsequent civil penalty actions when warranted, encouraging and monitoring responsible party cleanups, and when necessary, coordinating federally funded spill response operations. The program also provides a National Strike Force to assist Federal On-Scene Coordinators in responding to pollution incidents.

For further information, call 202-267-0518.

Marine Inspection The Coast Guard is charged with formulating, administering, and enforcing various safety standards for the design, construction, equipment, and maintenance of commercial vessels of the United States and offshore structures on the Outer Continental Shelf. The program includes enforcement of safety standards on foreign vessels subject to U.S. jurisdiction.

Investigations are conducted of reported marine accidents, casualties, violations of law and regulations, misconduct, negligence, and

incompetence occurring on commercial vessels subject to U.S. jurisdiction. Surveillance operations and boardings are conducted to detect violations of law and regulations. The program also functions to facilitate marine transportation by admeasuring and administering the vessel documentation laws.

For further information, call 202-267-1464.

Marine Licensing The Coast Guard administers a system for evaluating and licensing of U.S. Merchant Marine personnel. This program develops safe manning standards for commercial vessels. The Coast Guard also maintains oversight and approval authority for the numerous mariner training programs.

For further information, call 703-235-1951.

Marine Safety Council The Marine Safety Council acts as a deliberative body to consider proposed Coast Guard regulations and to provide a forum for the consideration of related problems.

For further information, call 202-267-1477.

Maritime Law Enforcement The Coast Guard is the primary maritime law enforcement agency for the United States. It enforces or assists in the enforcement of applicable Federal laws and treaties and other international agreements to which the United States is party, on, over, and under the high seas and waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and may conduct investigations into suspected violations of such laws and international agreements. The Coast Guard works with other Federal agencies in the enforcement of such laws as they pertain to the protection of living and nonliving resources and in the suppression of smuggling and illicit drug trafficking.

For further information, call 202-267-1890.

Military Readiness As required by law, the Coast Guard maintains a state of readiness to function as a specialized service in the Navy in time of war, or as directed by the President. Coastal and harbor defense, including port security, are the most important military tasks

assigned to the Coast Guard in times of national crisis.

For further information, call 202-267-2025.

Port Safety and Security This program is administered by the Coast Guard Captains of the Port. The Coast Guard is authorized to enforce rules and regulations governing the safety and security of ports and anchorages, and the movement of vessels and prevention of pollution in U.S. waters. Port safety and security functions include supervising cargo transfer operations, both storage and stowage, conducting harbor patrols and waterfront facility inspections, establishing security zones as required, and the control of vessel movement.

For further information, call 202-267-0495.

Reserve Training The Coast Guard Reserve provides qualified individuals and trained units for active duty in time of war or national emergency and at such other times as the national security requires. In addition to its role in national defense, the Reserve augments the active service in the performance of peacetime missions during domestic emergencies and during routine and peak operations.

For further information, call 202-267-1240.

Search and Rescue The Coast Guard maintains a system of rescue vessels, aircraft, and communications facilities to carry out its function of saving life and property in and over the high seas and the navigable waters of the United States. This function includes flood relief and removing hazards to navigation.

For further information, call 202-267-1943.

Waterways Management The Coast Guard has a significant role in the safe and orderly passage of cargo, people, and vessels on our nation's waterways. It has established Vessel Traffic Services in six major ports to provide for the safe movement of vessels at all times, but particularly during hazardous conditions, restricted visibility, or bad weather. The program's goal is to ensure the safe, efficient flow of commerce. The Coast

Guard also regulates the installation of equipment necessary for vessel safety.

For further information, call 202-267-0407.

District and Field Organizations—United States Coast Guard

Organization	Address	Commander	Telephone
Atlantic Area	431 Crawford St., Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004	Vice Adm. Roger T. Rufe, USCG	757-398-6287
Maintenance and Logistics Command-Atlantic	300 Main St. Twr., Norfolk, VA 23510	Rear Adm. Edward J. Barrett, USCG	757-628-4275
1st District	408 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02110-3350	Rear Adm. Richard M. Larrabee III, USCG	617-223-8480
7th District	Rm. 944, 909 SE. 1st Ave., Miami, FL 33131-3050	Rear Adm. Norman T. Saunders, USCG	305-536-5654
8th District	501 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130-3396	Rear Adm. Timothy W. Josiah, USCG	504-589-6298
9th District	1240 E. 9th St., Cleveland, OH 44199-2060	Rear Adm. John F. McGowan, USCG	216-522-3910
Pacific Area	Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA 94501-5100	Vice Adm. James C. Card, USCG	510-437-3196
Maintenance and Logistics Command-Pacific	Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA 94501-5100	Rear Adm. Fred L. Ames, USCG	510-437-3939
13th District	915 2d Ave., Seattle, WA 98174-1067	Rear Adm. J. David Spade, USCG	206-220-7090
14th District	9th Fl., 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96850-4982	Rear Adm. Thomas H. Collins, USCG	808-541-2051
17th District	P.O. Box 25517, Juneau, AK 99802-1217	Rear Adm. Terry M. Cross, USCG	907-463-2025
U.S. Coast Guard Academy	New London, CT 06320-4195	Rear Adm. Douglas H. Teeson, USCG	203-444-8285
National Pollution Funds Center	Suite 1000, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22203-1804	Daniel F. Sheehan	703-235-4700
Coast Guard Personnel Command	2100 2d St. SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001	Capt. Thomas B. Taylor, USCG	202-267-2321

For further information, contact the Information Office, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593. Phone, 202-267-2229. Internet, <http://www.uscg.mil/>.

Federal Aviation Administration

The Federal Aviation Administration, formerly the Federal Aviation Agency, was established by the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 106) and became a component of the Department of Transportation in 1967 pursuant to the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. app. 1651 note).

The Administration is charged with:

- regulating air commerce in ways that best promote its development and safety and fulfill the requirements of national defense;

- controlling the use of navigable airspace of the United States and regulating both civil and military

operations in such airspace in the interest of safety and efficiency;

- encouraging and developing civil aeronautics;

- consolidating research and development with respect to air navigation facilities;

- installing and operating air navigation facilities;

- developing and operating a common system of air traffic control and navigation for both civil and military aircraft;

- developing and implementing programs and regulations to control aircraft noise, sonic boom, and other

environmental effects of civil aviation; and

—regulating U.S. commercial space transportation.

Activities

Air Navigation Facilities The agency is responsible for the location, construction or installation, maintenance, operation, and quality assurance of Federal visual and electronic aids to air navigation. The agency operates and maintains voice/data communications equipment, radar facilities, computer systems, and visual display equipment at flight service stations, airport traffic control towers, and air route traffic control centers.

Airport Programs The agency maintains a national plan of airport requirements, administers a grant program for development of public use airports to assure and improve safety and to meet current and future airport capacity needs, evaluates the environmental impacts of airport development, and administers an airport noise compatibility program with the goal of reducing noncompatible uses around airports. It also develops standards and technical guidance on airport planning, design, safety, and operations and provides grants to assist public agencies in airport system and master planning and airport development and improvement.

Airspace and Air Traffic Management

The safe and efficient utilization of the navigable airspace is a primary objective of the agency. To meet this objective, it operates a network of airport traffic control towers, air route traffic control centers, and flight service stations. It develops air traffic rules and regulations and allocates the use of the airspace. It also provides for the security control of air traffic to meet national defense requirements.

Civil Aviation Abroad Under the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 and the International Aviation Facilities Act (49 U.S.C. app. 1151), the agency promotes aviation safety and civil aviation abroad by exchanging aeronautical information with foreign aviation authorities; certifying foreign repair stations, airmen,

and mechanics; negotiating bilateral airworthiness agreements to facilitate the import and export of aircraft and components; and providing technical assistance and training in all areas of the agency's expertise. It provides technical representation at international conferences, including participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization and other international organizations.

Commercial Space Transportation The agency regulates and promotes the U.S. commercial space transportation industry. It licenses the private sector launching of space payloads on expendable launch vehicles and commercial space launch facilities. It also sets insurance requirements for the protection of persons and property and ensures that space transportation activities comply with U.S. domestic and foreign policy.

Registration and Recordation The agency provides a system for the registration of aircraft and recording of documents affecting title or interest in the aircraft, aircraft engines, propellers, appliances, and spare parts.

Research, Engineering, and Development

The research, engineering, and development activities of the agency are directed toward providing the systems, procedures, facilities, and devices needed for a safe and efficient system of air navigation and air traffic control to meet the needs of civil aviation and the air defense system. The agency also performs an aeromedical research function to apply knowledge gained from its research program and the work of others to the safety and promotion of civil aviation and the health, safety, and efficiency of agency employees. The agency also supports development and testing of improved aircraft, engines, propellers, and appliances.

Safety Regulation The Administration issues and enforces rules, regulations, and minimum standards relating to the manufacture, operation, and maintenance of aircraft, as well as the rating and certification (including

medical) of airmen and the certification of airports serving air carriers.

The agency performs flight inspection of air navigation facilities in the U.S. and, as required, abroad. It also enforces regulations under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. app. 1801 note) applicable to shipments by air.

Test and Evaluation The agency conducts tests and evaluations of specified items such as aviation systems, subsystems, equipment, devices, materials, concepts, or procedures at any phase in the cycle of their development from conception to acceptance and implementation, as well as assigned independent testing at key decision points.

Other Programs The agency administers the aviation insurance and aircraft loan guarantee programs. It is an allotting agency under the Defense Materials System with respect to priorities and allocation for civil aircraft and civil aviation operations. The agency develops specifications for the preparation of aeronautical charts. It publishes current information on airways and airport service and issues technical publications for the improvement of safety in flight, airport planning and design, and other aeronautical activities. It serves as the executive administration for the operation and maintenance of the Department of Transportation automated payroll and personnel systems.

Major Field Organizations—Federal Aviation Administration

Region/Field Office	Address	Administrator/Director
Alaskan—AK	P.O. Box 14, 701 C St., Anchorage, AK 99513	Andrew S. Billick
Central—IA, KS, MO, NE	601 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64106	John E. Turner
Eastern—DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY, PA, VA, WV	Federal Bldg., JFK International Airport, Jamaica, NY 11430	Arlene B. Feldman
Great Lakes—IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, OH, SD, WI	2300 E. Devon Ave., Des Plaines, IL 60018	Cecilia Hunziker
New England—CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT	12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803	Robert Bartanowicz
Northwest Mountain—CO, ID, MT, OR, UT, WA, WY	1601 Lind Ave. SW., Renton, WA 98055	Larry Andriesen
Southern—AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN	P.O. Box 20636, Atlanta, GA 30320	Carolyn C. Blum
Southwest—AR, LA, NM, OK, TX	Fort Worth, TX 76193-0001	Clyde M. DeHart
Western-Pacific—AZ, CA, HI, NV	P.O. Box 92007, Los Angeles, CA 90009	William C. Withycombe
Europe, Africa, and Middle East	15, Rue de la Loi B-1040, Brussels, Belgium	Patrick N. Poe
Asia-Pacific	U.S. Embassy, FAA, Singapore	Eugene Ross Hamory
Latin America-Caribbean	Miami International Airport, Miami FL	Joaquin Archilla
William J. Hughes Technical Center	Atlantic City, NJ 08405	Anne Harlan
Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center	P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125	Lindy Ritz

For further information, contact the Office of Public Affairs, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591. Phone, 202-267-8521. Fax, 202-267-5039.

Federal Highway Administration

The Federal Highway Administration became a component of the Department of Transportation in 1967 pursuant to the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. app. 1651 note). It administers the highway transportation programs of the Department of Transportation under Title 23 U.S.C., other pertinent legislation, and the provisions of law cited in section 6(a) of the act (49 U.S.C. 104).

The Administration encompasses highway transportation in its broadest scope, seeking to coordinate highways with other modes of transportation to achieve the most effective balance of transportation systems and facilities under cohesive Federal transportation policies pursuant to the act.

Activities

Federal-Aid Highway Program The Administration manages the Federal-aid highway program of financial assistance to the States for planning, constructing, and improving highways and their operation. This program provides for the improvement of approximately 159,000 miles of the National Highway System (NHS), which includes the approximately 42,795-mile Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways and other public roads (except those classified as local or rural minor collectors). The Interstate System's construction and preservation is financed generally on a 90-percent Federal, 10-percent State basis. However, projects not on the Interstate System and most projects on other roads are funded on an 80-percent Federal, 20-percent State basis.

A new, more flexible assistance program, the Surface Transportation Program (STP), may be used by the States and local authorities for any roads (including NHS) that are not functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors. Fifty percent of STP funds must be used in metropolitan areas containing an urbanized population over 200,000. Ten percent of STP funds are set aside for transportation enhancement activities, which include bicycle and pedestrian facilities, scenic enhancements, historic preservation, and mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff.

The Administration is also responsible for the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program to assist in the inspection, analysis, and rehabilitation or replacement of bridges on public roads. In addition, it administers an emergency relief program to assist in the repair or reconstruction of Federal-aid highways and certain Federal roads that have suffered serious damage by natural disasters over a wide area or catastrophic failures.

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program provides funding to assist nonattainment and maintenance areas, as defined under the Clean Air Act, to help achieve

healthful levels of air quality. Transportation improvement projects and programs which reduce transportation-related emissions are eligible for funding under the major categories of transit, shared-ride, traffic flow improvements, demand management, pedestrian/bicycle, inspection/maintenance, and experimental pilot projects.

A metropolitan and statewide planning program is administered jointly with the Federal Transit Administration for the purpose of strengthening the transportation decision process and ensuring that transportation investments address other key issues in metropolitan and State areas, including development, land use, social, economic, and environmental impacts. Metropolitan planning organizations are supported by a one percent share of the funds authorized for the NHS, STP, CMAQ, and Interstate Maintenance and Bridge programs. Statewide planning, conducted by State departments of transportation, is supported by 2 percent of the major highway programs.

Funds are also available to State revenue agencies for enforcement of highway use taxes, and to State and local governments and public authorities for projects involving market-based approaches to congestion management.

Highway Safety Programs The Administration is responsible for several highway-related safety programs, including a State and community safety program jointly administered with NHTSA and a highway safety construction program to eliminate road hazards and improve rail/highway crossing safety. These safety construction programs fund activities that remove, relocate, or shield roadside obstacles, identify and correct hazardous locations, eliminate or reduce hazards at railroad grade crossings, and improve signing, pavement markings, and signalization.

Motor Carrier Programs Under the provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (23 U.S.C. 101), the Administration was authorized to establish and maintain a National Network for trucks, review State truck size and weight enforcement programs, and assist in obtaining uniformity among

the States in the area of commercial motor carrier registration and taxation reporting.

The Administration works cooperatively with States and private industry to achieve uniform motor carrier requirements in safety regulations, inspections and fines, licensing, registration and taxation requirements, and accident data. It provides grants to States for technical assistance, training, and equipment associated with participation in the International Registration Plan and the International Fuel Tax Agreement.

Under the authority of the motor carrier safety provisions of title 49 of the United States Code, the agency exercises Federal regulatory jurisdiction over the safety performance of all commercial motor carriers engaged in interstate or foreign commerce. It deals with more than 330,000 carriers and approximately 36,000 shippers of hazardous materials. Reviews are conducted at the carrier's facilities to determine the safety performance of the carrier's over-the-road operations. These reviews may lead to prosecution or other sanctions against violators of the Federal motor carrier safety regulations or the hazardous materials transportation regulations.

The Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (49 U.S.C. app. 2701 note) authorizes the Administration to establish national standards for a single commercial vehicle driver license for State issuance; a national information system clearinghouse for commercial driver license information; knowledge and skills tests for licensing commercial vehicle drivers; and disqualification of drivers for serious traffic offenses, including alcohol and drug abuse. The agency has responsibility for administering the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program, a partnership agreement between the Federal Government and the States, under the provisions of sections 401–404 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (49 U.S.C. app. 2301–2304).

In fiscal year 1995, States performed 1.8 million roadside inspections and decommissioned over 400,000 vehicles

and 143,000 drivers for safety regulation violations.

Federal Lands Highway Program The Administration, through cooperative agreements with Federal land managing agencies, administers a coordinated Federal lands program relating to forest highways, public lands highways, park roads and parkways, and Indian reservation roads. This program provides for the funding of more than 80,000 miles of federally owned roads or public authority-owned roads that are open for public travel and serve Federal lands. In addition, the agency's Federal Lands Highway Office administers the Defense Access Road Program, funded by the Department of Defense, for State and local roads providing access to military installations. The Office and three field divisions provide for program coordination and administration, and conduct transportation planning, engineering studies, design, construction engineering assistance, and construction contract administration.

Research and Technology The Administration coordinates varied research, development, and technology transfer activities consisting of six principal programs: Intelligent Transportation Systems, Highway Research and Development, Long-Term Pavement Performance, Technology Applications, Local Technical Assistance, and the National Highway Institute.

Through its National Highway Institute (NHI), the Administration develops and administers, in cooperation with State highway agencies, instructional training programs designed for public sector employees, private citizens, and foreign nationals engaged in highway work of interest to the United States. NHI is headquarters for the Pan American Institute of Highways, which is a program designed to provide training and technology transfer to Latin American countries. NHI works closely with universities through the Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program and the University Transportation Centers Program.

International Programs The Administration supports and participates

in efforts to find research and technology abroad which can be applied in the United States to provide a better quality, more cost-effective highway system. It manages technology transfer and training centers in Latin America, Africa, Russia, and the Baltics, and participates in international technical organizations, committees, deliberations, and studies. Other efforts include support for export promotion and trade advocacy, technical assistance programs, and cooperation on border issues that affect the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

Additional Programs The Administration manages the highway construction phase of the Appalachian Regional Development Program and the Territorial Highway Program and provides highway program support and technical assistance on an allocation/transfer basis for other Federal agencies, as well as program and technical support on a wide range of policy and information programs and issues. It also

administers civil rights programs pursuant to a variety of statutes, with the aims of preventing discrimination in the impacts of all programs and activities of recipients and subrecipients; providing equal employment opportunities and promoting diversity in public employment (Federal and State transportation agencies, motor carrier safety, and commercial driver's license program recipients and subrecipients) and private employment (contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, vendors, and consultants) related to agency-funded projects; providing training opportunities for minorities and women in highway construction crafts; ensuring contracting opportunities for socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprises; and increasing opportunities for historically black colleges and universities, members of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, and tribal colleges and universities.

Major Field Organizations—Federal Highway Administration

Areas Served	Address	Administrator	Telephone
CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PR, RI, VT	Rm. 719, Leo W. O'Brien Federal Bldg., Albany, NY 12207	Henry H. Rentz	518-431-4236
DC, DE, MA, PA, VA, WV	Suite 4000, 10 S. Howard St., Baltimore, MD 21201	David S. Gendell	410-962-0093
AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN	Suite 17T26, 100 Alabama St., Atlanta, GA 30303-3104	Leon N. Larson	404-562-3570
IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI	Suite 301, 19900 Governors Hwy., Olympia Fields, IL 60461-1021	Dale E. Wilken	708-283-3510
AR, LA, NM, OK, TX	Rm. 8A00, 819 Taylor St., Fort Worth, TX 76102	Edward A. Wueste	817-978-4393
IA, KS, MO, NE	6301 Rockhill Rd., Kansas City, MO 64141	Arthur E. Hamilton	816-276-2700
CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY	Rm. 400, 555 Zang St., Lakewood, CO 80228	Vincent F. Schimmoller	303-969-6722
AZ, CA, HI, NV	Suite 2100, 201 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105	Julie A. Cirillo	415-744-2639
AK, ID, OR, WA	Suite 600, 222 SW. Columbia St., Portland, OR 97201	Leon J. Whitman, Jr.	503-326-2048

For further information, contact the Office of Information and Management Services, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-0534.

Federal Railroad Administration

The purpose of the Federal Railroad Administration is to promulgate and enforce rail safety regulations, administer railroad financial assistance programs, conduct research and development in

support of improved railroad safety and national rail transportation policy, provide for the rehabilitation of Northeast Corridor rail passenger service,

and consolidate government support of rail transportation activities.

The Federal Railroad Administration was created pursuant to section 3(e)(1) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C. app. 1652).

Activities

Railroad Safety The Administration administers and enforces the Federal laws and related regulations designed to promote safety on railroads; exercises jurisdiction over all areas of rail safety under the Rail Safety Act of 1970, such as track maintenance, inspection standards, equipment standards, and operating practices. It also administers and enforces regulations resulting from railroad safety legislation for locomotives, signals, safety appliances, power brakes, hours of service, transportation of explosives and other dangerous articles, and reporting and investigation of railroad accidents. Railroad and related industry equipment, facilities, and records are inspected and required reports reviewed. In addition, the administration educates the public about safety at highway-rail grade crossings and the danger of trespassing on rail property.

Research and Development A ground transportation research and development program is administered to advance all aspects of intercity ground transportation and railroad safety pertaining to the physical sciences and engineering, in order to improve railroad safety and ensure that railroads continue to be a viable national transportation resource.

Transportation Test Center This 50-square-mile facility, located near Pueblo, CO, provides testing for advanced and conventional systems and techniques designed to improve ground transportation. The facility has been

managed and staffed for the Administration by the Association of American Railroads since October 1, 1982. The United States and Canadian Governments and private industry use this facility to explore, under controlled conditions, the operation of both conventional and advanced systems. It is used by the Federal Transit Administration for testing of urban rapid transit vehicles.

For further information, contact the Transportation Test Center, Pueblo, CO 81001. Phone, 719-584-0507.

Policy Program management for new and revised policies, plans, and projects related to railroad transportation economics, finance, system planning, and operations is provided; appropriate studies and analyses are performed; relevant tests, demonstrations, and evaluations are conducted; and labor/management programs are evaluated. Analyses of issues before regulatory agencies are carried out and recommendations are made to the Secretary as to the positions to be taken by DOT.

Passenger and Freight Services The Administration administers a program of Federal assistance for national, regional, and local rail services. Programs include rail freight service assistance programs; rail service continuation programs and State rail planning; and rail passenger service on a national, regional, and local basis.

The agency also administers programs to develop, implement, and administer rail system policies, plans, and programs for the Northeast Corridor in support of applicable provisions of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 (45 U.S.C. 801), the Rail Passenger Service Act (45 U.S.C. 501), and related legislation.

Major Field Organizations—Federal Railroad Administration

Region	Address/Telephone	Regional Director of Railroad Safety
Northeastern—CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT	Rm. 1077, 55 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142. Phone, 617-494-2302	Mark H. McKeon
Eastern—DC, DE, MA, OH, PA, VA, WV	Suite 550, Scott Plz. II, Philadelphia, PA 19113. Phone, 610-521-8200	David R. Myers
Southern—AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN	Suite 16T20, 61 Forsyth St. SW., Atlanta, GA 30303-3104. Phone, 404-562-3800	L.F. Dennin II

Major Field Organizations—Federal Railroad Administration—Continued

Region	Address/Telephone	Regional Director of Railroad Safety
Central—IL, IN, MI, MN, WI	Suite 655, 111 N. Canal St., Chicago, IL 60606. Phone, 312-353-6203	Laurence A. Hasvold
Southwestern—AR, LA, NM, OK, TX	Suite 425, 8701 Bedford Euless Rd., Hurst, TX 76053. Phone, 817-284-8142	John F. Megary
Midwestern—CO, IA, KS, MO, NE	Suite 1130, 1100 Main St., Kansas City, MO 64105. Phone, 816-426-2497	Darrell J. Tisor
Western—AZ, CA, NV, UT	Suite 466, 801 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Phone, 916-498-6540	James T. Schultz
Northwestern—AK, ID, MT, ND, OR, SD, WA, WY	Suite 650, 703 Broadway, Vancouver, WA 98660. Phone, 360-696-7536	Dick L. Clairmont

For further information, contact the Public Affairs Officer, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-632-3124.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[For the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statement of organization, see the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 49, Part 501]

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was established by the Highway Safety Act of 1970 (23 U.S.C. 401 note). The Administration carries out programs relating to the safety performance of motor vehicles and related equipment, motor vehicle drivers, occupants, and pedestrians, and the Highway Safety Act of 1966, as amended (23 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.*). Under the authority of title 49 U.S. Code, chapters 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, and 331, the Administration carries out programs and studies aimed at reducing economic losses in motor vehicle crashes and repairs through general motor vehicle programs; administers the Federal odometer law; issues theft prevention standards; and promulgates average fuel economy standards for passenger and nonpassenger motor vehicles.

Under the authority of the Clean Air Amendments of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 7544(2)), the Administration certifies as to the consistency of Environmental Protection Agency State grants with any highway safety program developed pursuant to section 402 of title 23 of the United States Code.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration was established to carry out a congressional mandate to reduce the mounting number of deaths, injuries,

and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes on the Nation's highways and to provide motor vehicle damage susceptibility and ease of repair information, motor vehicle inspection demonstrations, and protection of purchasers of motor vehicles having altered odometers, and to provide average standards for greater vehicle mileage per gallon of fuel for vehicles under 10,000 pounds (gross vehicle weight).

Activities

Research and Development The Administration's broad-scale program of research, development, testing, demonstration, and evaluation of motor vehicles, motor vehicle equipment, advanced technologies, and crash data collection and analysis provides a foundation for the development of motor vehicle and highway safety program standards.

The research program covers numerous areas affecting safety problems and includes provision for appropriate laboratory testing facilities to obtain necessary basic data. In this connection, research in both light and heavy vehicle crashworthiness and crash avoidance is being pursued. The objectives are to encourage industry to adopt advanced motor vehicle safety designs, stimulate public awareness of safety potentials,

and provide a base for vehicle safety information.

The Administration maintains a collection of scientific and technical information related to motor vehicle safety, and operates the National Center for Statistics and Analysis, whose activities include the development and maintenance of highway crash data collection systems and related analysis efforts. These comprehensive motor vehicle safety information resources serve as documentary reference points for Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as industry, universities, and the public.

Safety Assurance The Administration identifies and investigates problems with motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment. If the vehicle or item of equipment contains a defect which is safety related or if it does not meet all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards, the Administration will seek a recall in which owners are notified and the vehicles or equipment are remedied free of charge. Recalls are monitored to ensure that owners are being notified in a timely manner and that the scope of the recall and the remedy are adequate to correct the problem.

Consumers can call the toll-free auto safety hotline at 800-424-9393 to report safety-related problems. The hotline also provides information and literature to consumers about vehicle and child-seat recalls, New Car Assessment Program test results, and a variety of other highway safety information.

The Administration also investigates odometer tampering and supports prosecutions by both the U.S. Department of Justice and the States.

Safety Performance Standards The Administration manages motor vehicle safety programs to:

- reduce the occurrence of highway crashes and the severity of resulting injuries;
- improve survivability and injury recovery by better post-crash measures;
- reduce the economic losses in crashes;
- provide consumer information in the areas of tire grading for treadwear, temperature resistance, and traction; and

- establish safeguards for the protection of purchasers of motor vehicles having altered or reset odometers.

Under the Administration's program, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards are issued that prescribe safety features and levels of safety-related performance for vehicles and items of motor vehicle equipment. Damage susceptibility, crashworthiness, and theft prevention are to be studied and reported to the Congress and the public.

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6201 note), sets automotive fuel economy standards for passenger cars for model years 1985 and thereafter. The Administration has the option of altering the standards for the post-1985 period.

The Administration develops and promulgates mandatory fuel economy standards for light trucks for each model year and administers the fuel economy regulatory program. The Administration establishes rules for the collection and reporting of information required concerning manufacturers' technological alternatives and corporate economic capabilities in meeting fuel economy standards.

State and Community Services The State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program provides funds to the States, Indian nations, and the Territories each year to support planning to identify and quantify highway safety problems, provide startup money for new programs, and give new direction to existing safety programs, particularly in the following national priority program areas: occupant protection, alcohol and other drug countermeasures, police traffic services, emergency medical services, traffic records, motorcycle safety, pedestrian and bicycle safety, speed control, and roadway safety. Incentive funds encourage States to implement effective impaired-driving programs and to encourage the use of safety belts and motorcycle helmets.

Traffic Safety Programs The Administration leads the national traffic safety and emergency services efforts in order to save lives, reduce injuries, and lessen medical and other costs. In

accomplishing these tasks, it utilizes behavioral research, demonstration, and evaluation, in addition to developing safety programs and strategies, for use by a variety of public and private agencies and organizations.

The Administration maintains a national register of information on individuals whose licenses to operate a motor vehicle have been revoked, suspended, canceled, or denied; or who have been convicted of certain traffic-related violations such as driving while impaired by alcohol or other drugs. The information obtained from the register

assists State driver licensing officials in determining whether or not to issue a license.

For information concerning the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, contact the Office of Public and Consumer Affairs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-9550.

Additional information may be obtained from the Technical Reference Division, Office of Administrative Operations. Phone, 202-366-2768.

Regional Offices—National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Region/Address	Administrator
Atlanta, GA (Suite 17T30, 61 Forsyth St. SW., 30303)	Tom Enright
Cambridge, MA (Kendall Sq., Code 903, 02142)	George A. Luciano
Denver, CO (4th Fl., 555 Zang St., 80228)	Louis R. De Carolis
Fort Worth, TX (819 Taylor St., 76102-6177)	Georgia Chakiris
Hanover, MD (Suite L, 7526 Connelley Dr., 21076-1699)	Eugene Peterson
Kansas City, MO (P.O. Box 412515, 64141)	Troy Ayers
Olympia Fields, IL (Suite 201, 1990 Governors Dr., 60461)	Donald J. McNamara
San Francisco, CA (201 Mission St., 94105)	Joseph M. Cindrich
Seattle, WA 98174 (915 2d Ave.)	Curtis A. Winston
White Plains, NY (222 Mamaroneck Ave., 10605)	Tom Louizou

For further information, contact the Office of Public and Consumer Affairs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-9550.

Federal Transit Administration

[For the Federal Transit Administration statement of organization, see the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 49, Part 601]

The Federal Transit Administration was established as a component of the Department of Transportation by section 3 of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968 (5 U.S.C. app.), effective July 1, 1968. The Administration (formerly the Urban Mass Transportation Administration) previously operated under authority of the Federal Transit Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. app. 1601 *et seq.*). The Federal Transit Act was repealed on July 5, 1994, and the Federal transit laws were codified and re-enacted as chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code.

The missions of the Administration are:

- to assist in the development of improved mass transportation facilities,

equipment, techniques, and methods, with the cooperation of mass transportation companies both public and private;

- to encourage the planning and establishment of areawide urban mass transportation systems needed for economical and desirable urban development, with the cooperation of mass transportation companies both public and private;

- to provide assistance to State and local governments and their instrumentalities in financing such systems, to be operated by public or private mass transportation companies as determined by local needs; and

- to provide financial assistance to State and local governments to help implement national goals relating to mobility for elderly persons, persons

with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged persons.

Programs

Capital Program The section 5309 grants are authorized to assist in financing the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and improvement of facilities and equipment for use—by operation, lease, or otherwise—in mass transportation service in urban areas. Only public agencies are eligible as applicants. Private transit operators may be assisted under the program through arrangements with an eligible public body.

The Federal grant is 80 percent of the net project cost. If the project is in an urbanized area, it must be part of a program for a unified or officially coordinated urban transportation system as a part of the comprehensive planned development of the area.

Annual funding is allocated in three categories: 40-percent funding for fixed guideway modernization in which funds are apportioned by a statutory formula; 40-percent funding for construction of new, fixed guideway systems and their extensions; and 20-percent funding for replacement, rehabilitation, and purchase of buses and related equipment and the construction of bus-related facilities.

Elderly and Persons With Disabilities

Program The section 5310 Program provides financial assistance in meeting the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities where services provided by public operators are unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate; to public bodies approved by the State to coordinate services for elderly persons or persons with disabilities; or to public bodies which certify to the Governor that no nonprofit corporation or association is readily available in an area to provide the service. Funds are allocated by formula to the States; local organizations apply for funding through a designated State agency.

Managerial Training Program Grants to governmental bodies and agencies and operators of public transportation

services provide fellowships for training in public or private training institutions for personnel employed in managerial, technical, and professional positions in the public transportation field. Assistance is provided on a 50–50 funding match basis for training and educational expenses which may include tuition, fees, books, or other training materials, excluding any equipment items.

For further information, call 202–366–4052.

Nonurbanized Area Formula Program

The section 5311 program provides capital and operating assistance for public transportation in nonurbanized areas (under 50,000 population). Funds are allocated by formula to the Governor and the program is administered at the State level by the designated transportation agency. Eligible activities are operating assistance, planning, administrative and program development activities, coordination of public transportation programs, vehicle acquisition, and other capital investments in support of general or special transit services, including services provided for the elderly and handicapped and other transit-dependent persons. A fixed percentage of a State's annual apportionment must be spent to carry out a program for the development and support of rural and intercity transportation, unless the State Governor certifies that such needs are adequately met. A Rural Transit Assistance Program authorized under section 18(h) provides funding for training and technical assistance for transit operators in nonurbanized areas. Capital assistance is funded up to an 80-percent Federal share and operating assistance is funded with up to a 50-percent Federal share.

Rural The Rural Transportation Assistance Program provides assistance for transit research, technical assistance, training, and related support activities in non-urbanized areas (less than 50,000 population). A portion of this is used at the national level for development of training materials, development and maintenance of a national clearing house on rural activities, and technical assistance through peer practitioners to

promote exemplary techniques and practices.

For further information, call 202-366-4052.

Safety The Federal Transit Administration Safety Program supports State and local agencies in fulfilling their responsibility for the safety and security of urban mass transportation facilities and services, through the encouragement and sponsorship of safety and security planning, training, information collection and analysis, drug control programs, system/safety assurance reviews, generic research, and other cooperative government/industry activities.

For further information, call 202-366-2896.

Technical Assistance The Administration provides funds for research, development, and demonstration projects in urban transportation for the purpose of increasing productivity and efficiency in urban and nonurban area transportation systems, improving mass transportation service and equipment, and assisting State and local governments in providing total urban transportation services in a cost-effective, safe manner, and expanding private-sector participation in all facets of urban transportation.

The Administration conducts a program of research, development, and demonstration addressing the following principal areas: advanced public transportation systems, clean air, finance, information, human resources and productivity, regional mobility, rural transportation, safety and security, technology development, and transit accessibility.

Major project areas include developing and demonstrating new approaches to involve employers, developers, local governments, and transportation providers in finding solutions to the problems of regional mobility, with special emphasis on the following:

- promoting institutional changes required to improve mobility in suburban areas and between suburbs and central city locations;
- encouraging management and organized labor to jointly seek

opportunities for improving performance through upgrading of skills for nonmanagerial personnel;

- identifying, evaluating, and documenting significant cost-effective approaches to modernizing existing rail transit systems;

- encouraging participation by the private sector in the provision of transportation services and encouragement of joint public/private financing of transit capital investments;

- providing guidance and training concerning long-term financial planning and leasing of capital assets;

- implementing a program of new model bus testing and test facility improvements;

- promoting the delivery of safe and effective public transportation in nonurbanized areas;

- assisting new safety and security initiatives, including safety training; and

- compiling information on costs, benefits, financial feasibility, and performance of new energy sources including nonpolluting fuels.

Projects are conducted under grants and cooperative agreements with public bodies, including State and local governments, or contracts with private organizations, both profit and nonprofit.

For further information, contact the Regional Office for the area concerned.

University Research and Training Grants

Grants may be awarded to public and private nonprofit institutions of higher learning to assist in conducting research and training activities that address urban and rural transit issues and needs and in providing training for students and working professionals in the field of urban transportation analysis and operations. The objective is to encourage and support university research, education, and training that addresses and is responsive to Federal, State, and local transportation concerns, and advances the understanding and resolution of critical transportation problems.

Urbanized Area Formula Program

Section 5307 is a formula-apportioned resource for capital, operating, and planning assistance. Recipients of funds

in urbanized areas of over 200,000 population are jointly designated by the Governors of the respective States, local officials, and public transit operators.

The Governor acts as recipient for urbanized areas with populations from 50,000 up to 200,000. Recipients must be State, regional, or local governmental bodies or public agencies. Private transit operators may be assisted under the program through arrangements with an eligible public entity.

Grants may be made for 80 percent of the project cost for capital and planning activities. Operating assistance is subject to changes in the 1998 budget. Each year, potential grantees submit a proposed program of projects for funding based on the State Transportation Improvement Program. This program contains all of the highway and transit

projects endorsed at the metropolitan and State levels for Federal funding, resulting from the State and local transportation planning process.

For further information, contact the Regional Office for the area concerned.

For information concerning the Federal Transit Administration, contact the area/regional office for the area concerned or contact the Office of Public Affairs, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-4043. Technical information may be obtained by contacting the Transit Research Information Center. Phone, 202-366-9157. Information is also available electronically through the Internet, at <http://www.fta.dot.gov/>.

Field Organization—Federal Transit Administration

Region/Address	Telephone
Arlington, TX (Suite 175, 524 E. Lamar Blvd., 76011-3900)	817-860-9663
Atlanta, GA (Suite 17T50, 61 Forsyth St. SW., 30303)	404-562-3500
Cambridge, MA (Suite 920, 55 Broadway, 02142)	617-494-2055
Chicago, IL (Rm. 1415, 55 E. Monroe St., 60603)	312-353-2789
Denver, CO (Suite 650, 216 16th St., 80202)	303-844-3242
Kansas City, MO (Suite 303, 6301 Rockhill Rd., 64131)	816-523-0204
New York, NY (Suite 2940, 26 Federal Plz., 10278)	212-264-8162
Philadelphia, PA (Suite 500, 1760 Market St., 19103)	215-656-7100
San Francisco, CA (Suite 2210, 201 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105)	415-744-3133
Seattle, WA (Suite 3142, 915 2d Ave., 98174)	206-220-7954

For further information, contact the Office of Public Affairs, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-4043. Internet, <http://www.fta.dot.gov/>.

Maritime Administration

The Maritime Administration was established by Reorganization Plan No. 21 of 1950 (5 U.S.C. app.), effective May 24, 1950. The Maritime Act of 1981 (46 U.S.C. 1601) transferred the Maritime Administration to the Department of Transportation, effective August 6, 1981.

The Maritime Administration administers programs to aid in the development, promotion, and operation of the U.S. merchant marine. It is also charged with organizing and directing emergency merchant ship operations.

The Maritime Administration administers subsidy programs, through the Maritime Subsidy Board, under which the Federal Government, subject to statutory limitations, pays the difference between certain costs of operating ships under the U.S. flag and foreign competitive flags on essential services, and the difference between the costs of constructing ships in U.S. and foreign shipyards. It provides financing guarantees for the construction, reconstruction, and reconditioning of ships; and enters into capital construction fund agreements that grant

tax deferrals on moneys to be used for the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of ships.

The Administration constructs or supervises the construction of merchant type ships for the Federal Government. It helps industry generate increased business for U.S. ships and conducts programs to develop ports, facilities, and intermodal transport, and to promote domestic shipping.

The Administration conducts program and technical studies and administers a War Risk Insurance Program that insures operators and seamen against losses caused by hostile action if domestic commercial insurance is not available.

Under emergency conditions the Maritime Administration charters Government-owned ships to U.S. operators, requisitions or procures ships owned by U.S. citizens, and allocates them to meet defense needs.

It maintains a National Defense Reserve Fleet of Government-owned

ships that it operates through ship managers and general agents when required in national defense interests. An element of this activity is the Ready Reserve Force consisting of a number of ships available for quick-response activation.

It regulates sales to aliens and transfers to foreign registry of ships that are fully or partially owned by U.S. citizens. It also disposes of Government-owned ships found nonessential for national defense.

The Administration operates the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY, where young people are trained to become merchant marine officers, and conducts training in shipboard firefighting at Earle, NJ, and Toledo, OH. It also administers a Federal assistance program for the maritime academies operated by California, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, and Texas.

Field Organization—Maritime Administration

Region	Address	Telephone
Central	Suite 2590, 365 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70130-1137	504-589-6556
Great Lakes	Suite 185, 2860 South River Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60018-2413	847-298-4535
North Atlantic	Rm. 3737, 26 Federal Plz., New York, NY 10278	212-264-1300
South Atlantic	Rm. 211, 7737 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23505	757-441-6393
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	Kings Point, NY 11024-1699	516-773-5000
Western	Suite 2200, 201 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105-1905	415-744-3125

For further information, contact the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-5807.

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation was established by the Saint Lawrence Seaway Act of May 13, 1954 (33 U.S.C. 981-990) and became an operating administration of the Department of Transportation in 1966.

The Corporation, working cooperatively with the Saint Lawrence Seaway Authority (SLSA) of Canada, is dedicated to operating and maintaining a safe, reliable, and efficient deep draft waterway between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean. It regulates U.S. pilotage on the Great Lakes and the

Saint Lawrence River, and ensures the safe transit of commercial and noncommercial vessels through the two U.S. locks and the navigation channels of the Saint Lawrence Seaway System. The Corporation works jointly with SLSA on all matters related to rules and regulations, overall operations, vessel inspections, traffic control, navigation aids, safety, operating dates, and trade development programs.

The Great Lakes/Saint Lawrence Seaway System extends from the Atlantic Ocean to the Lake Superior ports of Duluth/Superior, a distance of 2,342

miles. The Corporation's main customers are vessel owners and operators, Midwest States and Canadian provinces, Great Lakes port communities, shippers and receivers of domestic and international cargo, and the Lakes/

Seaway maritime and related services industries. International and domestic commerce through the Seaway contributes to the economic prosperity of the entire Great Lakes region.

For further information, contact the Director of Congressional and Public Affairs, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 44090, Washington, DC 20026-4090. Phone, 202-366-0091. Fax, 202-366-7147.

Research and Special Programs Administration

The Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) was established formally on September 23, 1977. It is responsible for hazardous materials transportation and pipeline safety, transportation emergency preparedness, safety training, and multimodal transportation research and development activities.

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety

400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-0656

The Office of Hazardous Materials Safety develops and issues regulations for the safe transportation of hazardous materials by all modes, excluding bulk transportation by water. The regulations cover shipper and carrier operations, packaging and container specifications, and hazardous materials definitions. The Office is also responsible for the

enforcement of regulations other than those applicable to a single mode of transportation. The Office manages a user-fee funded grant program to assist States in planning for hazardous materials emergencies and to assist States and Indian tribes with training for hazardous materials emergencies. Additionally, the Office executes a national safety program to safeguard food and certain other products from contamination during motor or rail transportation. A computer bulletin board, in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, offers nationwide access to topics related to hazardous materials transportation safety and can be accessed by dialing 1-800-PLANFOR (752-6367). The Office is the national focal point for coordination and control of the Department's multimodal hazardous materials regulatory program, ensuring uniformity of approach and action by all modal administrations.

Regional Offices—Office of Hazardous Materials Safety

Region	Address	Chief
Eastern—CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, PR, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV	Suite 306, 820 Bear Tavern Rd., W. Trenton, NJ 08628	Colleen Abbenhaus
Central—IL, IA, IN, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI	Suite 136, 2350 E. Devon Ave., Des Plaines, IL 60018	Kevin Boehne
Western—AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY	Suite 230, 3200 Inland Empire Blvd., Ontario, CA 91764	Anthony Smialek
Southwestern—AL, AR, LA, MS, NM, OK, TN, TX	Suite 2118, 2320 LaBranch St., Houston, TX 77004	Jesse Hughes

Office of Pipeline Safety

400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-4595

The Office of Pipeline Safety establishes and provides for compliance with standards that assure public safety and environmental protection in the transportation of gas and hazardous

liquids by pipeline. The Office administers a program whereby a State agency can voluntarily assert safety regulatory jurisdiction over all or some intrastate pipeline facilities. The Federal Government is authorized to pay a State agency grant-in-aid funds of up to 50

percent of the actual cost for carrying out its pipeline safety program. The Office under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 established regulations requiring petroleum pipeline operators to prepare and submit plans to respond to oil spills for Federal review and approval.

Regional Offices—Office of Pipeline Safety

Region	Address	Chief
Central—IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI	Suite 1120, 1100 Maine St., Kansas City, MO 64105	Ivan Huntoon
Eastern—CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV	Rm. 2108, 400 7th St. SW., Washington, DC 20590	William Gute
Southern—AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN	Suite 446 N., 1720 Peachtree Rd. NW., Atlanta, GA 30309	Frederick Joyner
Southwest—AZ, LA, NM, OK, TX	Suite 2118, 2320 LaBranch St., Houston, TX 77004	James Thomas
Western—AK, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY	Suite 230, 12600 W. Colfax Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215	Edward Ondak

Office of Research, Technology, and Analysis

400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-4434

The Office of Research, Technology, and Analysis serves as the principal adviser to the Administrator of RSPA on all research, technology, and analysis program activities as they relate to RSPA's mission, programs, objectives, and scientific and technological activities within RSPA. The Office oversees and directs the activities of the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI).

Office of University Research and Education

400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-5442

The Office of University Research and Education acts as principal adviser to RSPA and the Department on university research and education activities; provides a point of contact with the academic community; stimulates broad-based university involvement with intermodal transportation problems and issues; and manages a national grant program to establish and operate university transportation centers and university research institutes.

Office of Research Policy and Technology Transfer

400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-4208

The Office of Research Policy and Technology Transfer oversees the Department's entire research and development programs, and those technical assistance and technology sharing activities which bring the results of research and development to its users and establishes needs for future research. This responsibility includes coordination and oversight of the Department's technology transfer activities under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980, as amended (15 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*), relating to the transfer of federally funded technology to the marketplace.

Transportation Safety Institute

Department of Transportation, 6500 South McArthur Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73125. Phone, 405-954-3153

The Institute was established in 1971 by the Secretary of Transportation to support the Department's efforts to reduce the number and cost of transportation accidents by promoting safety and security management through education. The Institute is a primary source of transportation safety and security training and technical assistance on domestic and international levels for

Department of Transportation elements, as well as other Federal, State, and local government agencies.

Office of Emergency Transportation

400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-5270

The Office of Emergency Transportation provides the staff to administer and execute the Secretary of Transportation's statutory and administrative responsibilities in the area of transportation civil emergency preparedness. It is the primary element of the Department engaged in the development, coordination, and review of policies, plans, and programs for attaining and maintaining a high state of Federal transportation emergency preparedness. This Office oversees the effective discharge of the Secretary's responsibilities in all emergencies affecting the national defense and in national or regional emergencies, including those caused by natural disasters and other crisis situations.

Volpe National Transportation Systems Center

Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02142. Phone, 617-494-2224

The Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (Volpe Center), as part of

RSPA, provides research, analysis, and systems capability to the Department of Transportation (DOT) and other agencies requiring expertise in national transportation and logistics programs.

Integrated systems approaches are developed by Volpe Center to address Federal transportation issues of national importance. It does not appear as a line item in the Federal budget, but is funded directly by its sponsors. Volpe Center projects are therefore responsive to customer needs. The Center has come to be increasingly recognized by government, industry, and academia as a focal point for the assimilation, generation, and interchange of knowledge and understanding concerning national and international transportation and logistics systems. The Volpe Center is widely valued as a vital national resource for solving complex transportation and logistics problems.

Based on shifting national priorities and availability of its resources, Volpe Center programmatic activities for DOT and other agencies vary from year to year.

Volpe Center programs emphasize policy support and analysis, cost-effective Government procurement, environmental protection and remediation, transportation safety and security, and infrastructure modernization.

For further information, contact the Office of Program and Policy Support, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-4831.

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) was organized pursuant to section 6006 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) (49 U.S.C. 111), and was formally established by the Secretary of Transportation on December 16, 1992. The Bureau has an intermodal transportation focus whose missions are to compile, analyze, and make

accessible information on the Nation's transportation systems; to collect information on intermodal transportation and other areas; and to enhance the quality and effectiveness of DOT statistical programs through research, the development of guidelines, and the promotion of improvements in data acquisition and use.

The Bureau is mandated by ISTEA to:

- compile, analyze, and publish statistics;
- develop a long-term data collection program;
- develop guidelines to improve the credibility and effectiveness of the Department's statistics;
- represent transportation interests in the statistical community;
- make statistics accessible and understandable; and
- identify data needs.

The Bureau acquired the Office of Airline Information (OAI) pursuant to DOT 1100.70 Chg. 1 and 60 FR 30195,

in June of 1995. The Office collects air carrier financial and traffic data (passenger and freight) pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 329 and 41708. This information provides uniform and comprehensive economic and market data on individual airline operations.

The Bureau is also responsible for collecting motor carrier financial data pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 14123 (Public Law 104-88). This function was transferred to BTS, effective January 1, 1996, after the termination of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

For further information, call 202-366-DATA. Fax, 202-366-3640. Fax-on-demand, 800-671-8012. Internet, <http://www.bts.gov/>. E-mail, info@bts.gov. Gopher, gopher.bts.gov. Phone (modem), 800-363-4BTS.

Surface Transportation Board

The Surface Transportation Board was established in 1996 by the ICC Termination Act of 1995 (49 U.S.C. 10101 *et seq.*) as a decisionally independent, bipartisan, adjudicatory body organizationally housed within the Department of Transportation, with jurisdiction over certain surface transportation economic regulatory matters formerly under ICC jurisdiction.

The Board consists of three members, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate for 5-year terms. The Board's Chairman is designated by the President from among the members.

The Board adjudicates disputes and regulates interstate surface transportation through various laws pertaining to the different modes of surface transportation. The Board's general responsibilities include the oversight of firms engaged in transportation in interstate and foreign commerce to the extent that it takes place within the United States, or between or among points in the contiguous United States and points in Alaska, Hawaii, or U.S. territories or possessions. Surface transportation matters under the Board's jurisdiction in general include railroad rate and service issues, rail restructuring transactions (mergers, line sales, line construction,

and line abandonments), and labor matters related thereto; certain trucking company, moving van, and noncontiguous ocean shipping company rate matters; certain intercity passenger bus company structure, financial, and operational matters; and certain pipeline matters not regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

In the performance of its functions, the Board is charged with promoting, where appropriate, substantive and procedural regulatory reform and providing an efficient and effective forum for the resolution of disputes. Through the granting of exemptions from regulations where warranted, the streamlining of its decisionmaking process and the regulations applicable thereto, and the consistent and fair application of legal and equitable principles, the Board seeks to provide an effective forum for efficient dispute resolution and facilitation of appropriate market-based business transactions. Through rulemakings and case disposition, it strives to develop new and better ways to analyze unique and complex problems, to reach fully justified decisions more quickly, to reduce the costs associated with regulatory oversight, and to encourage private sector negotiations and

resolutions to problems, where appropriate.

For further information, contact the Office of Congressional and External Affairs, Surface Transportation Board, Room 843, 1925 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. Phone, 202-565-1594.

Sources of Information

Inquiries for information on the following subjects should be directed to the specified office, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590, or to the address indicated.

Coast Guard Career and Training

Opportunities For information on the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, contact the Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT 06320. Phone, 860-444-8444. Internet, <http://www.uscg.mil/>.

Information on the enlistment program and the Officer Candidate School may be obtained from the local recruiting offices or the U.S. Coast Guard Personnel Command (CGPC) Recruiting Center. Phone, 703-235-1169.

Persons interested in joining the Coast Guard Auxiliary may obtain information from the Commandant (G-OCX), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC 20593. Phone, 202-267-0982.

Consumer Activities For information about air travelers' rights or for assistance in resolving consumer problems with providers of commercial air transportation services, contact the Consumer Affairs Division (phone, 202-366-2220); for consumer assistance, to report possible boat safety defects, and to obtain information on boats and associated equipment involved in safety defect (recall) campaigns, call the U.S. Coast Guard's Boating Safety Hotline. Residents of Washington, DC, call 267-0780. Other residents nationwide, call 800-368-5647 (toll-free).

To report vehicle safety problems, obtain information on motor vehicle and highway safety, or to request consumer information publications, call the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's 24-hour auto safety hotline. Phone, 202-366-0123 (Washington, DC, area) or 800-424-

9393 (toll-free except Alaska and Hawaii).

Contracts Contact the Office of Acquisition and Grant Management. Phone, 202-366-4285.

Employment The principal occupations in the Department are air traffic controller, aviation safety specialist, electronics maintenance technician, engineer (civil, aeronautical, automotive, electronic, highway, and general), administrative/management, and clerical. For further information, contact the Transportation Administrative Service Center (TASC) DOT Connection, Room PL-402, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-9391 or 800-525-2878 (toll-free).

Environment Inquiries on environmental activities and programs should be directed to the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, Office of Environment, Energy, and Safety, Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-4366.

Films Many films on transportation subjects are available for use by educational institutions, community groups, private organizations, etc. Requests for specific films relating to a particular mode of transportation may be directed to the appropriate operating administration.

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse To report, contact the Office of Inspector General hotline, P.O. Box 23178, Washington, DC 20026-0178. Phone, 202-366-1461 or 800-424-9071 (toll-free).

Publications The Department and its operating agencies issue publications on a wide variety of subjects. Many of these publications are available from the issuing agency or for sale from the Government Printing Office and the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA

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Reading Rooms Contact the Department of Transportation TASC Dockets, PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 800-647-5527. Administrations and their regional offices maintain reading rooms for public use. Contact the specific administration at the address indicated in the text.

Other reading rooms include: TASC Department of Transportation Library, Room 2200, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590 (phone, 202-366-0745); Department of Transportation/TASC Law Library, Room 2215, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590 (phone, 202-366-0749); Department of Transportation/TASC Library, FB-10A Branch, Room 930, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591 (phone, 202-267-3115); and Department of Transportation/TASC Library, Transpoint Branch, B-726, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593 (phone, 202-267-2536).

Speakers The Department of Transportation and its operating administrations and regional offices make speakers available for civic, labor, and community groups. Contact the specific agency or the nearest regional office at the address indicated in the text.

Surface Transportation Board Proceedings and Public Records

Requests for public assistance with pending or potential proceedings of the Board should be addressed to the Office of Public Services, Surface Transportation Board, Room 848, 1925 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. Phone, 202-565-1592.

Requests for access to the Board's public records should be made to the Office of the Secretary, Surface Transportation Board, Room 700, 1925 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. Phone, 202-565-1674.

Telephone Directory The Department of Transportation telephone directory is available for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

For further information concerning the Department of Transportation, contact the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Phone, 202-366-5580.